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## GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA CHIEF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Dated, Agartala the 16th Oct., 2020.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Subject: Operational Guidelines for Grant of Relief of an amount of Rs.10 lakh to the deceased family member on account of death due to COVID-19.

Due to spread of pandemic COVID-19, casualties like death are occurring throughout the state. In order to combat the pandemic of Corona Virus Disease-19, Government of Tripura is taking all necessary steps to tackle the challenges.

- 2. To combat the COVID-19, many Government employees in field such as Doctors, Nurses, Health Workers, Paramedics, Police Personnel, Journalists, Sweeping Staff, ICDS Employees, ASHA Workers including the Civil Administration & the Line Departments are the front line workers. They are exposed to the threat of COVID-19 directly and there are chances of casualties like death.
- 3. It has already been declared that in the event of any death caused due to COVID-19, the families of deceased person will get ex-gratia amounting to Rs.10.00 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) amounting to Rs 6.0 lakh and Rs 4.0 lakh respectively. This will cover to those who are also involved in relief operations or associated in response activities & die due to COVID-19, subject to certification regarding cause of death from appropriate authority.

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- 4. The above implies that, if any one dies due to COVID-19, family/survivor of the deceased would get Rs 10.00 lakh (Rupees ten lakh) only in total. Fund of SDRF @ 4(Four) lakh will be released by the Revenue Department as and when fund is available and if the case is found eligible for the relief/grant.
- 5. The following is the guidelines for providing relief to the kins of those who have died due to COVID-19.
- a. The relief grant is admissible for the cases where main cause of death is COVID-19 and for deaths in Tripura only.
- b. The people who come under the insurance coverage of "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19" will be excluded from getting benefit of this grant.
- c. In case of death of Central / State Government employee, they will not come under this scheme and will be excluded from getting benefit. The definition of State Government employee shall be as per the definition of Government servant in the Guideline for Scheme for Compassionate Appointment / Benefit for Government Employees of Tripura vide Notification dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019 of the GA (P&T) Department, Government of Tripura. However, the health workers who are not covered under para-5(a) above will be eligible for the grant of relief.
- d. In the event of death of an individual due to COVID-19 other than a permanent resident of Tripura will be excluded for getting this grant.
- e. The case of death of a resident of Tripura due to COVID-19 outside the State will also be excluded from getting benefit of the scheme.
- f. The relief grant of Rs 6.0 lakh will be placed to the concerned District Magistrate & Collector in two phases i.e Rs 3.0 lakh in each phase for disbursement to the family / survivor of the deceased. The concerned DM & Collector shall send utilization certificate of such payment to the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Tripura.

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g. Priority to be given to the AAY & Priority House Hold card holders in providing relief. Concerned DM & Collectors shall examine the eligibility of the cases and ensure the disbursement to the appropriate beneficiaries.

h. The grant of relief will be considered only for the death cases due to COVID-19 up to 31st December 2020.

By order of the Governor

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